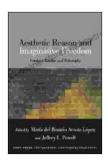
# Friedrich Schiller and Philosophy's Sun in Contemporary Continental Philosophy

Friedrich Schiller (1759-1805) was a German poet, philosopher, historian, and dramatist. He is best known for his plays, such as *Die Räuber* (The Robbers), *Kabale und Liebe* (Intrigue and Love), and *Wilhelm Tell*, as well as for his philosophical works, such as *On the Aesthetic Education of Man* and *Letters on the Aesthetic Education of Man*.

Schiller's philosophy has been influential in a number of areas of contemporary continental philosophy, including aesthetics, ethics, and political philosophy. In recent years, there has been a renewed interest in Schiller's work, and a number of philosophers have sought to reinterpret his philosophy in light of contemporary concerns.



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Schiller's aesthetics is based on the idea that beauty is a synthesis of the sensible and the intelligible. The sensible is the realm of the senses, while the intelligible is the realm of the mind. Beauty is created when the sensible and the intelligible are harmoniously combined.

Schiller's aesthetics has been influential in a number of areas of contemporary philosophy, including aesthetics, art theory, and literary theory. In aesthetics, Schiller's work has been used to defend the autonomy of art and to argue against the idea that art is merely a means to some other end.

In art theory, Schiller's work has been used to develop a theory of the sublime. The sublime is that which is beyond our comprehension and which fills us with a sense of awe and wonder. Schiller argued that the sublime is an essential element of art and that it is what makes art truly great.

In literary theory, Schiller's work has been used to develop a theory of tragedy. Tragedy, according to Schiller, is a form of art that depicts the conflict between the individual and society. Schiller argued that tragedy is a necessary part of human life and that it can help us to understand our own mortality.

#### **Schiller's Ethics**

Schiller's ethics is based on the idea that the good is what is in accordance with human nature. Human nature is rational and free, and the good is what allows us to realize our rational and free nature.

Schiller's ethics has been influential in a number of areas of contemporary philosophy, including ethics, political philosophy, and philosophy of law. In

ethics, Schiller's work has been used to defend the idea that morality is based on reason and that it is not something that is imposed on us from outside.

In political philosophy, Schiller's work has been used to develop a theory of the state. The state, according to Schiller, is a necessary institution for the realization of human freedom. However, Schiller also argued that the state must be limited in its power and that it must be accountable to the people.

In philosophy of law, Schiller's work has been used to develop a theory of justice. Justice, according to Schiller, is a matter of giving each person what they deserve. Schiller argued that justice is an essential element of human society and that it is what makes society possible.

#### **Schiller's Political Philosophy**

Schiller's political philosophy is based on the idea that the state is a necessary institution for the realization of human freedom. However, Schiller also argued that the state must be limited in its power and that it must be accountable to the people.

Schiller's political philosophy has been influential in a number of areas of contemporary philosophy, including political philosophy, philosophy of law, and social theory. In political philosophy, Schiller's work has been used to defend the idea that democracy is the best form of government.

In philosophy of law, Schiller's work has been used to develop a theory of the state. The state, according to Schiller, is a necessary institution for the realization of human freedom. However, Schiller also argued that the state must be limited in its power and that it must be accountable to the people. In social theory, Schiller's work has been used to develop a theory of civil society. Civil society, according to Schiller, is a sphere of human activity that is independent of the state. Schiller argued that civil society is essential for the realization of human freedom and that it is what makes democracy possible.

Friedrich Schiller was a major figure in the history of philosophy. His work has been influential in a number of areas of contemporary continental philosophy, including aesthetics, ethics, political philosophy, and philosophy of law. Schiller's work is still relevant today and it continues to inspire philosophers and other thinkers to think about the most important questions facing humanity.



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